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Re: FOIA No:

This acknowledges your June 24, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to [nihfoia@mail.nih.gov](mailto:nihfoia@mail.nih.gov), which was received in this office on June 25, 2019. Your request was forwarded to me for processing because of my responsibilities under the FOIA as the FOIA Coordinator for the Office of Research Facilities, NIH.

You requested a copy of:

1. All Emails sent to or from Sydney Jones ([sjlla@nih.gov](mailto:sjlla@nih.gov)) from May 1, 2019 - June 14, 2019 that contain any of the following keywords: "ORR", "75N99019L00007", "UAC", "Unaccompanied Alien Child"
2. All Emails sent to or from Sydney Jones ([sjlla@nih.gov](mailto:sjlla@nih.gov)) from May 1, 2019 - June 14, 2019 from or to the domain: "acf.hhs.gov"
3. All Emails sent to or from Pat Rice ([ricepa@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ricepa@mail.nih.gov)) from May 1, 2019 – June 14, 2019, that contain any of the following keywords: "ORR", "75N99019L00007", "UAC", "Unaccompanied Alien Child"
4. All Emails sent to or from Pat Rice ([ricepa@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ricepa@mail.nih.gov)) from May 1, 2019 – June 14, 2019, from or to the domain "acf.hhs.gov"
5. A copy of Contract 75N99019L00008 that was awarded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to Stratton securities Inc with the AWARD ID of "75N99019L00008" signed on June 14, 2019.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Holly J. Woodson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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